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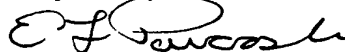
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1. a Second Request for Corrected Filing Receipt;
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3. a copy of the original Filing Receipt with corrections marked;
4. a copy of the first Request for Corrected Filing Receipt;
5. a copy of the Second Preliminary Amendment; and
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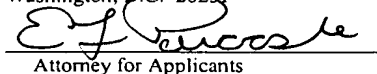
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Applicants respectfully request that the Applicants be listed to include only Brent Keeth and Layne G. Bunker. The Statement Requesting Deletion of Inventors (copy enclosed), which was included in the Second Preliminary Amendment filed on 07 November 2001 requested that the above-identified Application be filed only in the names of Keeth and Bunker.

A copy of the Updated Filing Receipt with corrections marked in red ink is enclosed. Additionally, copies of the original Preliminary Amendment and the first Request for Corrected Filing Receipt are enclosed to evidence Applicants' attempts to diligently obtain a Filing Receipt reflecting the correct Applicants.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application filed herewith,
please amend that application as follows.

In the Specification

Page 1, line 2, after the title, insert -- This Application is a divisional application of
U. S. Application Serial No. 09/621,560 filed July 21, 2000, which is a divisional application
of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/916,692 filed August 22, 1997.—

Page 52, last full paragraph, please amend as follows:

Reference is hereby made to an appendix which contains [nine microfiche having a
total of fifty-two frames] eleven microfiche having a total of sixty-six frames. The appendix
contains [33] 44 drawings which illustrate substantially the same information as is shown in
FIGs. 1-113, but in a more connected format.

A replacement page 52 is enclosed; a copy of page 52 marked to show the changes is
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In the claims

Please cancel claims 1-173.

STATEMENT REQUESTING DELETION OF INVENTORS

The declaration that is being filed with the instant application is a copy of the declaration that was filed with U.S. Application Serial No. 08/916,692 filed August 22, 1997. As a result of the restriction requirement in U.S. Application Serial No. 08/916,692, the following inventors named in the grandparent application are not inventors of the invention claimed in the instant divisional application:

Raymond J. Beffa
Frank K. Ross
Larry D. Kinsman
Ronald L. Taylor
John S. Mullin

Please file the instant application in the names of the remaining inventors (Keeth, Bunker and Derner) in accordance with 37 CFR 1.63 (d).

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please note that the undersigned attorney's address has changed since the parent application was filed and that the undersigned attorney's address is correctly noted on form PTO/SB/05 filed herewith, and is correctly noted below.

It is respectfully requested that the instant application, covering claims 174-175, receive an early office action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, please
amend that application as follows.

In the claims

Please amend claims 174 and 175 as follows.

174. (Amended) A method of controlling the conduction of a pair of isolation
transistors in a sense amplifier responsive to an array, comprising [the steps of]:

rendering the pair of transistors conductive with a control signal that is a
boosted version of the voltage used by the array; and

rendering the pair of transistors nonconductive by removing said control
signal.

175. (Amended) The method of claim 174 wherein said step of rendering the
pair of transistors conductive includes the step of rendering the transistors conductive
with a control signal that is approximately a $[V_t]$ V_{th} higher than the voltage used by
the array.



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Please add the following new claims.

176. The method of claim 174 wherein said step of rendering the transistors conductive includes the step of rendering the transistors conductive with a control signal that enables the full voltage representative of a logic level one to be written to the array.

177. A method of controlling the conduction of at least one isolation transistor in a sense amplifier responsive to an array, comprising:

rendering the transistor conductive with a control signal that enables a full V_{cc} to be conducted by the isolation transistor; and

rendering the transistor nonconductive by removing said control signal.

178. The method of claim 177 wherein said step of rendering the transistor conductive includes the step of rendering the transistor conductive with a control signal that is approximately a V_{th} higher than V_{cc} .

179. A method of enabling a write to a memory array of the full voltage representative of a logic level one using a sense amplifier in which the sense amplifiers are located inside the isolation transistors, comprising:

rendering the isolation transistors conductive with a control signal that compensates for the voltage drop across the isolation transistors.

180. The method of claim 179 wherein said rendering step includes the step of rendering the isolation transistors conductive with a control signal that is approximately a V_{th} higher than the voltage used to represent a logic level one.

181. The method of claim 180 wherein said control signal is approximately V_{th} plus V_{cc} .

REMARKS

New claims 176 – 181 are presented for examination. The claims are supported by, for example, FIG. 6C and the text in the paragraph bridging pages 62 and 63. No new matter has been entered.

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STATEMENT REQUESTING DELETION OF INVENTOR

As a result of the prosecution of this application, the following individual is no longer an inventor of the subject matter being claimed and should be removed as an inventor:

Scot J. Derner

Please allow the instant application to proceed in the names of the remaining inventors (Keeth and Bunker) in accordance with 37 CFR 1.63 (d).

It is respectfully requested that the instant application, covering claims 174 – 181 receive an early office action on the merits.

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COMPLETE CLEAN SET OF PENDING CLAIMS

174. (Amended) A method of controlling the conduction of a pair of isolation transistors in a sense amplifier responsive to an array, comprising:

rendering the pair of transistors conductive with a control signal that is a boosted version of the voltage used by the array; and

rendering the pair of transistors nonconductive by removing said control signal.

175. (Amended) The method of claim 174 wherein said step of rendering the pair of transistors conductive includes the step of rendering the transistors conductive with a control signal that is approximately a V_{th} higher than the voltage used by the array.

176. The method of claim 174 wherein said step of rendering the transistors conductive includes the step of rendering the transistors conductive with a control signal that enables the full voltage representative of a logic level one to be written to the array.

177. A method of controlling the conduction of at least one isolation transistor in a sense amplifier responsive to an array, comprising:

rendering the transistor conductive with a control signal that enables a full V_{cc} to be conducted by the isolation transistor; and

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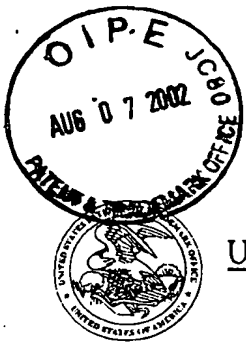
178. The method of claim 177 wherein said step of rendering the transistor conductive includes the step of rendering the transistor conductive with a control signal that is approximately a V_{th} higher than V_{cc} .

179. A method of enabling a write to a memory array of the full voltage representative of a logic level one using a sense amplifier in which the sense amplifiers are located inside the isolation transistors, comprising:

rendering the isolation transistors conductive with a control signal that compensates for the voltage drop across the isolation transistors.

180. The method of claim 179 wherein said rendering step includes the step of rendering the isolation transistors conductive with a control signal that is approximately a V_{th} higher than the voltage used to represent a logic level one.

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